

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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AGRI TECHNOLOGY PARK .
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Government has proposed to set agri-technology parks in the country in collaboration with the State Governments and the private sector;
- (b) If so, the details thereof, State-wise;
- (c) The details of funds earmarked for this purpose?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) to (c): No, Sir. However, the Ministry of Agriculture has taken an initiative for setting up of state of art terminal markets at eight important centers in the country under the public private partnership (PPP) model. The Terminal Markets are to operate on a Hub-and-Spoke Format wherein the Terminal Market (the hub) would be linked to a number of collection centres (the spokes), conveniently located to allow easy access to farmers for the marketing of their produce. The commodities to be covered by the markets include fruits, vegetables, flowers, aromatics, herbs, meat and poultry. The PPP model for the terminal market projects envisages that while the private enterprise brings the capital and management, the State Government provides the regulatory clearance and the Central Government, part of the equity capital for the project. The enterprise could be a consortium of entrepreneurs from agri-business, cold chain, logistics, warehousing, agri-infrastructure and related background. The proposal to set up Terminal Markets on PPP model was discussed with the State Governments and interested private enterprises at a national conference of State Ministers held on 20-2-06 at New Delhi. All the States have in general agreed to go ahead with the implementation of the projects. In the annual budget 2006-07, under the National Horticulture Mission, an amount of Rs. 150.00 crore has been earmarked for setting up of Terminal Markets in the country.